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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
AIR FORCE BOARD FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS

SEP 16 1998

IN THE MATTER OF:

DOCKET NUMBER: 98-00209

COUNSEL: None

HEARING DESIRED: No

[REDACTED]

Applicant requests he be awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal. Applicant's submission is at Exhibit A.

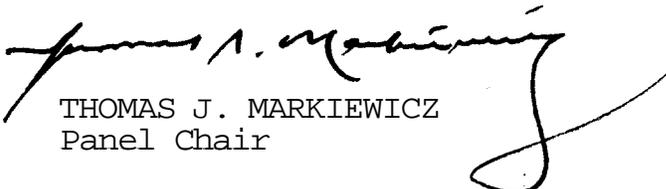
The appropriate Air Force office evaluated applicant's request and provided an advisory opinion to the Board recommending the application be denied (Exhibit C). The advisory opinion was forwarded to the applicant for review and response (Exhibit D). Applicant's response to the advisory opinion is at Exhibit E.

After careful consideration of applicant's request and the available evidence of record, we find insufficient evidence of error or injustice to warrant corrective action. The facts and opinions stated in the advisory opinion appear to be based on the evidence of record and have not been adequately rebutted by applicant. Absent persuasive evidence applicant was denied rights to which entitled, appropriate regulations were not followed, or appropriate standards were not applied, we find no basis to disturb the existing record.

Accordingly, applicant's request is denied.

The Board staff is directed to inform applicant of this decision. Applicant should also be informed that this decision is final and will only be reconsidered upon the presentation of new relevant evidence which was not reasonably available at the time the application was filed.

Members of the Board Mr. Thomas J. Markiewicz, Mr. Henry Romo, Jr., and Mr. Walter J. Hosey considered this application on 19 August 1998 in accordance with the provisions of Air Force Instruction 36-2603, and the governing statute, 10, U.S.C. 1552.


THOMAS J. MARKIEWICZ
Panel Chair

Exhibits:

- A. Applicant's DD Form 149
- B. Available Master Personnel Records
- C. Advisory Opinion
- D. AFBCMR Ltr Forwarding Advisory Opinion



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MEMORANDUM FOR AFBCMR

FROM: ANG/MPPU
3500 Fetchet Avenue
Andrews AFB, MD 20762-5157

SUBJECT: Application for Correction of Military Records—
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The attached Application for Correction of Military Records submitted by the applicant, a former member of the Missouri Air National Guard, is forwarded for your review and action.

The applicant requests award of the Humanitarian Service Medal (HSM) based on developing site and building plans for the [REDACTED] a.

This Headquarters recommends denial of relief. Per DoD 1348.33-M, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, in order to be eligible for award of the HSM, the following criteria must be met: 1) the emergency assistance must have been of a major significance; 2) the emergency assistance must have provided "immediate relief;" 3) specific dates were designated for the period of "immediate relief" (periods after the emergency conditions are considered ongoing operations and are no longer eligible for the HSM); and 4) emergency assistance must have been requested by the President of the United States, for assistance within the US or the Department of State for overseas areas. Recommendations are submitted by the Commander in Charge of emergency assistance missions, and if necessary, assistance from the other services (including Guard and Reserve) is requested. The Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) determines whether or not the relief effort meets the criteria for award of the HSM. Individuals who directly participated in the effort and are eligible for the award, must take appropriate action to have their records updated. Based on the criteria cited above, the service provided by members of the [REDACTED] Civil Engineering Flight, [REDACTED] Air National Guard, [REDACTED] October 1986, does not qualify them for award of the HSM.

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